

Practical Christian Ministries Handbook

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**“Moreover it is required in stewards,
that a man be found faithful.” (1 Cor. 4:2)**

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Welcome to Calvary University's Practical Christian Ministries Program!

Why do we have a Practical Christian Ministries Program?

1st Reason: **Our Bible accreditation association requires it.** The Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) requires each student to be involved in Practical Christian Ministries in a formal way. Because it is required, we provide an official permanent record of your Practical Christian Ministries on your university transcript. Therefore, it is essential that you complete all the program's requirements in order to graduate from Calvary University.

2nd Reason: **To help you prepare for a life of faithful and fruitful service and to further God's kingdom!** We have this program because we believe that Practical Christian Ministry experiences are a necessary and crucial part of your training. By properly choosing your Practical Christian Ministries, it gives you the opportunity to have a personal, God-directed discipleship program. Therefore, we encourage you to seek the LORD and choose your Practical Christian Ministries prayerfully and wisely. In doing this, it can give you experiences in specific fields of ministry wherein God can better prepare you for a life of fruitful service and to help prepare you to be able to fulfill your God given destiny. Our desire is that your Practical Christian Ministries will help prepare you for life and future ministry while also helping you build a resume of meaningful ministry experiences.

Best Reason: **It is how Jesus disciplined His disciples.**

We have Christian ministry because it is how Jesus Christ trained His disciples. He not only taught the disciples, but He sent them out to minister. Jesus sent His disciples into the marketplace to put into practice what they had seen and what they had been taught by Him. Following their practical ministry, they reported back to the LORD and He questioned them and answered their questions. We pray the Debriefing Interview will be helpful in answering your questions and guiding you through your learning experiences in your Practical Christian Ministries. By sending the disciples out into ministry Jesus was discipling them and preparing them for their future ministries when He would no longer be physically with them. Therefore, we believe that the practical training received through your participation in the Practical Christian Ministries program will be vital to your understanding of God's call upon your life and how to fulfill it.

Our prayer is that God will use local churches, pastors, lay leaders and ministries along with Calvary's faculty and staff to work together to give you the best discipleship experience possible.

How to get the most out of your Practical Christian Ministries experience!

In the Practical Christian Ministries Program, you will find that we give you some structure and require some accountability. However, we also give you freedom to choose what you discern God would have you do for a Practical Christian Ministry.

Fulfilling your Practical Christian Ministries responsibilities gives you the opportunity to develop a pattern of seeking the LORD for His personal direction and a deepening of your

understanding on how He personally leads you. If you seek the LORD and choose your Practical Christian Ministries wisely and prayerfully, He can give you the right experiences in the fields of ministry that will help prepare you for God's purpose for your life.

We believe that the practical training received through your participation in the Practical Christian Ministries program can be vital to your understanding of God's call upon your life. It can also help you put into practice what you are learning in the classroom.

We want you to grow and learn to walk in confidence that you are following His leading and His perfect will whether it is in the secular arena or in full time ministry. Remember, you are the key. A good spirit toward your Practical Christian Ministries now can be one of the most helpful things you can do to receive the most from this program. Please look at the requirement of Practical Christian Ministries as an opportunity to serve the LORD and grow in Him rather than just an obligation to fulfill. Our prayer is that you will experience the joy of ministry and the benefits of this program. May you and those to whom you minister be blessed through this program. Blessings...Numbers 6:24-26.

Please Remember: *Ministry is a privilege and it is an honor to be called by God and to serve HIM.*

Basic Guidelines for Fulfilling Your Practical Christian Ministry

What are your responsibilities for Practical Christian Ministry?

(How all students fulfill their Practical Christian Ministries requirements are the same for all students, both graduate and undergraduate. However, the number of credits required for graduate students are not the same as undergrad students - Seminary/Graduate student credit requirements are on page 9.)

1. **Attend a local church:** A minimum of 2 services per week when doing a regular Practical Christian Ministry or Church Search.

Christ is building His church (universal), and the local church is an important part of His plan to accomplish this goal. The local church is not a man-made idea but it is God ordained. Much of the New Testament is written directly to local churches. Everywhere Paul went he sought to establish a local body of believers who would work together to worship the LORD and further His kingdom.

You are given your first semester to find a local church where you can feel at home for worship, fellowship, and service (2 Cor. 2:9; 10:5; 1 Tim 3:15). Please remember that Scripture exhorts us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Heb. 10:24-25). Developing a healthy relationship with a great family of believers is what we really desire for you. Our prayer is that you will see the need for and want to be at church far more than the minimum requirements. When you attend your church's worship services, Sunday school, home Bible studies, prayer groups, etc., we want you to be there because you desire to be there, rather than just being there to fulfill your obligation.

2. **The opportunity to serve Jesus through Practical Christian Ministries:** Your Practical Christian Ministries should provide ministry experience in either evangelism, local church/ministry organization, or in the area of your academic major. We encourage you to have some form of evangelism and discipleship and the use of your biblical training as part of all your Practical Christian Ministries.

The actual amount of Practical Christian Ministries required will depend upon the length of your academic program and your time at Calvary.

Brief Overview of the Practical Christian Ministry Guidelines

I. Why is Practical Christian Ministry important?

The moment we accept Jesus as our Savior we are changed spiritually. This is a gift of grace from Jesus to those who choose Him. It is imperative that we understand we are not saved by our good works but to do good works. From the moment our spirit is transformed, we must persevere in the transformation of our mind in the challenge of growing more and more like Jesus every second of every day so that we can do the will of our Father in Heaven. We are to be in constant training for the race that is given so wisely to us by Jesus. We need to strive to learn to give an answer to those who are seeking and diligently study so that we are able. We must determine to set our minds and hearts on the glorious revelation that ministry is not what we do-it is who we are! He is WHOSE we are, and the outcome of His ministry is eternal. This is the beginning of the joy set before us!! May we endure all He allows us to go through, seeing each moment as a sacred learning lesson, a refining process, so that we no longer see through a glass dimly, but we KNOW Him. May EVERYTHING we do, think, say, and dream be for His glory and His alone! So be it, Lord Jesus!

- a. Ephesians 2:8-10
- b. Romans 12:2
- c. Hebrews 12:1-3
- d. 2 Timothy 2:15
- e. Matthew 6:19-20
- f. Philippians 4:13
- g. 1 Corinthians 11:11-13
- h. 1 Corinthians 10:31

II. How many Semesters do I need?

-Each semester you attend Calvary

III. What do I need to do?

1st Semester:

1. Check Canvas for your Practical Christian Ministries assignments.
2. As you fulfill a Practical Christian Ministry – find a church home (Church Search). Seek the LORD as to where He wants you to attend and serve.
3. Fill out the form (Church/Ministry Form).
 - ✓ Church Attendance (at least 2 services per week)
 - ✓ Practical Christian Ministry (searching for a home church while at Calvary)
4. You may only do one semester of church search.

Remaining Semesters at Calvary:

1. You will be registered for Practical Christian Ministry on Canvas.
2. Do a Practical Christian Ministry – consult the rest of the CM Handbook for details. Start seeking the LORD now, concerning what He would have you do.
3. Fill out a Church/Ministry Form
 - Church Attendance (at least 2 services per wk.)
 - Practical Christian Ministry (12 wks., 2 hrs. per wk. or 24 hours)
4. If required, meet with the Practical Christian Ministries Director for a Debriefing Interview during the semester: Freshman-fall, Sophomore-spring, Junior-spring, Senior-fall

- IV. Non-Academic Probation** happens when a student habitually fails to fulfill the requirements of the Practical Christian Ministries program and does not respond to encouragement to do so.

Guidelines for Paperwork

The following is a schedule when the Practical Christian Ministries forms are due.

Documents	Fall Ministry	Spring Ministry
<p><i>For each semester while attending Calvary</i> <i>(You will only need to do a church search one time)</i> Church/Ministry Form. To verify faithfulness in searching for a church home and to verify service in local ministry.</p>	<p>Fill out your Practical Christian Ministry and Church Attendance /Search Verification Form.</p> <p>Mentor will fill out, with you, if possible, the Practical Christian Ministry Mentor Form</p> <p>Debrief: last name begins with letter A-M</p>	<p>Fill out your Practical Christian Ministry and Church Attendance /Search Verification Form.</p> <p>Mentor will fill out, with you, if possible, the Practical Christian Ministry Mentor Form</p> <p>Debrief: last name begins with letter N-Z</p>
<p>Graduating Seniors – If you are doing a CM your Debriefing Interview and/or paperwork must be completed and turned in to the CM Office via Canvas</p>		

*A ministry done between semesters may be counted during either the spring or fall semester.

***This portion is a brief overview** - please read and always consult the rest of your Practical Christian Ministries Handbook for complete details and instructions. If you have any questions, please email the Director of Practical Christian Ministries or come by the office – the Director will be glad to answer any questions you might have. We are here to help you fulfill your requirements, and more importantly, help you fulfill God's plan for your life.*

Who Needs to do Practical Christian Ministry?

The following Calvary students are required to complete a certain amount of Practical Christian Ministry credits in order to graduate from Calvary University:

- All Undergraduate students
- Early College and Dual Enrolled students enrolled in an associate degree Program or the One Year Certificate Program.
- Graduate students in the following programs:
 - Master of Arts in Bible and Theology
 - Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling
 - Master of Divinity
 - Master's Degree in Elementary Education that Leads to State Certification
 - Master of Science in Organization Development
- All students who are not required to do Practical Christian Ministries in our Master degree programs and our Doctor of Philosophy in Bible & Theology program are allowed and encouraged to participate in the Practical Christian Ministries program either in part or the whole if they so desire.

Practical Christian Ministries Credits and Debriefing Interviews needed for graduation for all Undergrad Students:

Each undergrad student will need to complete the following CM credits and Debriefing Interviews for graduation via Canvas:

1. Fill out your Practical Christian Ministry and Church Attendance /Search Verification Form-1 per semester while attending Calvary (50 points)
2. Mentor will fill out, with you, if possible, the Practical Christian Ministry Mentor Form-1 per semester while attending Calvary (does not apply to Church Search) (50 points)
3. Debrief (50 points)
 - a. Last name beginning with letter A-M debrief in fall
 - b. Last name beginning with letter N-Z debrief in spring

**Requirements for earning a Practical Christian Ministry Credit are the same for all students as outlined later in this Practical Christian Ministries Handbook.*

Every Calvary student required to do Practical Christian Ministries will need to complete at least 1 Practical Christian Ministry per semester and 1 Debriefing Interview per school year regardless of credits transferred in or the field of study they are seeking to complete.

Early College and Dual Enrollment Students enrolled in a two-year Associates Degree Program are required to fulfill the regular Practical Christian Ministry credits of 1 per semester with one debriefing per year.

Early College and Dual Enrollment Students enrolled in a One Year Certificate Program are required to fulfill the regular Practical Christian Ministry credits needed to earn a One Year Certificate which is 1 Practical Christian Ministry credit per semester with 1 Debriefing Interview.

Early College and Dual Enrollment Students that are not in an Associate Degree Program or the One Year Certificate Program are not required to participate in the Practical Christian Ministries program but are encouraged to be involved in practical Christian ministry and a local church. However, if at any time they decide to pursue a degree program, they are responsible for fulfilling the Practical Christian Ministry

credits required during the time they are a degree-seeking student at Calvary (1 CM credit per semester with 1 Debrief Interview annually).

Non-Degree Seeking Students are not required to participate in the Practical Christian Ministries program but are encouraged to be involved in practical Christian ministry and a local church. However, if at any time they decide to pursue a degree program, they are responsible for fulfilling the Practical Christian Ministry credits required during the time they are a degree-seeking student at Calvary (1 CM credit per semester with 1 Debrief Interview annually).

Practical Christian Ministries Credits and Debriefing Interviews needed for graduation for all Graduate Students and students pursuing 5 Year Accelerated Degree Options:

Master of Arts in Bible and Theology

Degree requires 2 PCM credits with 1 Debriefing Interview.

Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling

Degree requires 1 PCM credit during internship with a paragraph submitted by your university supervisor.

Master of Divinity

Degrees requires 4 PCM credits with 2 Debriefing Interviews.

Master's Degree in Elementary Education that Leads to State Certification

Degree requires 1 PCM credit during internship with a paragraph submitted by your university supervisor.

Master of Science and Organization Development

Degree requires 1 PCM credit during practicum with a paragraph submitted by your university supervisor.

5-year BA in Bible & Theology and Master of Divinity

Degree requires 1 PCM credit per semester with 1 Debriefing Interview annually in undergraduate level, and 1 PCM credit in graduate level during internship with a paragraph submitted by your university supervisor.**

5-year BS in Biblical Counseling and Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling

Degree requires 1 PCM credit per semester with 1 Debriefing Interview annually in undergraduate level, and 1 PCM credit in graduate level during internship with a paragraph submitted by your university supervisor.**

5-year BS in Business Administration and Master of Science in Organization Development

Degree requires 1 PCM credit per semester with 1 Debriefing Interview annually in undergraduate level, and 1 PCM credit in graduate level during practicum with a paragraph submitted by your university supervisor.**

**In alignment with the University Catalog policy, students pursuing 5-Year Accelerated Degree Options are considered to be primarily undergraduate students as long as at least 50% of their courses per semester are undergraduate courses. Once a student reaches the stage that a majority of their courses per semester are graduate courses, the students are treated as primarily graduate students.

Student's Requirements for Receiving Credit for Their Practical Christian Ministries

Church Search:

Every new undergrad student's 1st semester's Practical Christian Ministry is a "Church Search" and requirements for it are:

Church Search: We allow you the first semester to find a church home.

1. Fill out the Church/Ministry Form (50 points) Canvas
*There is no charge for this credit
2. Pray and seek the LORD's will for a home church.
3. Attend 2 church services per week:
If you need to find a church, we encourage you to visit as many churches as you need to find a church home.
If you are unable to find a church home your first semester you will still need to continue to look for one, but you can only use one semester for a "church search" credit.
4. If you have a church home already: attend 2 services per week for the semester and you will earn a Practical Christian Ministry credit for a "Church Search".
5. Complete a Debriefing Interview if required (50 points) Canvas
Freshman-fall, Sophomore-spring, Junior-spring, Senior-fall
 - **For on campus students:** There will be signup sheets outside the Director's office (Room #112 East Education Building) for you to select a time to come in for your Debriefing Interview. Please follow signup instruction carefully.
 - **For off campus and/or online students:** You will need to set up Debriefing Interview through emails with the Director of Practical Christian Ministries or at cminsec@calvary.edu. You may meet in person, webcam/skype or by phone (your choice).
6. Have your mentor, if possible, with you, fill out the Practical Christian Ministry Mentor form on Canvas (50 points)

Ministry Credit:

Requirements for fulfilling Practical Christian Ministry:

1. Prayerfully seek the LORD's will for what He would have you do for a ministry.
2. You will be registered for Practical Christian Ministry CM-099
*There is no charge for these credits
3. Attend 2 church services per week
 - a. Faithful attendance (not perfect attendance)
 - b. Services that qualify:
 - Morning Worship, Sunday School, Evening Service, Youth meeting, Mid-week, Small group, etc.
 - c. 2 services is the minimum; we would encourage you to attend other services as well. We want you to plug into your church family.
 - d. If you have a special problem in attending 2 services please discuss this with the Director of Practical Christian Ministries.
4. Minister a minimum of 24 hours per semester in your selected ministry:

- a. Ideally it should be for at least 2 hours per week for 12 weeks or for a total of 24 hours for the semester.
- b. What can you count as ministry time?
 - a. Time spent: in prayer for your ministry, in preparation, in ministry, and time spent with people to whom you are ministering.
 - b. If serving during a service (sing/play for worship, teach Sunday School, Youth Group, etc.) you count the time of the whole service. That service also counts as a service that you attended.
 - c. Travel time does not count for ministry time unless you spend that time in prayer or going over your lesson.
 - d. *We believe that prayer and your preparation time are a very important part of your time spent in ministry.*
- c. You may do a summer ministry of at least 24 hours and it counts as a ministry in either the previous or following semester or as a second ministry in either semester.
- d. **Important:** Your ministry should provide ministry experience in either evangelism, local church/ministry organization, or in the area of your academic major.
 - a. For Business, Counseling, Education, Intercultural Studies, Ministry Studies, and Worship Arts majors, your senior year internship will fulfill your Practical Christian Ministry requirement for that semester.
- e. Use your Practical Christian Ministries to explore areas that you sense God is leading you.
- f. You will need to have someone to report to and who will mentor you.
- g. If you have difficulty finding a ministry or fulfilling your hours, please contact the Director of Practical Christian Ministries as soon as possible.
5. Complete a Church/Ministry Form on Canvas. (50 points)
6. Your mentor will fill out, with you, if possible, the Practical Christian Ministry Mentor Form on Canvas. (50 points)
7. Complete a Debriefing Interview: If it is a semester you need to meet with the Director of Practical Christian Ministries for a Debriefing Interview, toward the middle of the semester you will need to set up a time to meet with them. This will take 20 to 30 minutes. The purpose is to help you evaluate your ministry and discuss what you have learned from it.
 - a. Check Canvas to see if you will need to meet for a Debriefing Interview with the Practical Christian Ministries Director. Your Debriefing interview will count as 50 points.
 - b. If you are on campus you will need to meet in person with the Director of Practical Christian Ministries. There will be a signup sheet outside the Directors office for you to select a time to come in for your Debriefing Interview. Please follow signup instruction carefully.
 - c. If you are off campus and/or an online student, you may select one of the following:
 1. Meet with the director in person
 2. Webcam/Skype
 3. Phone

Please indicate which you prefer on your verification form.

You will need to set up a time through email. Cmin.sec@calvary.edu

1. The following students will be required to meet with the Practical Christian Ministries Director as displayed on Canvas:
 - i. Students with last names beginning with letter A-M will debrief in the fall semester
 - ii. Students with last names beginning with the letter N-Z will debrief in the spring semester
2. You will need to fill out the Church/Ministry Form each semester.
3. You will need to have your mentor fill out, with you, if possible, the Practical Christian Ministry Mentor Form each semester.
4. Grading: Canvas
 - All students will be preregistered for Practical Christian Ministry on Canvas
 - i. Church search-50 points
 1. The student will fill out the Practical Christian Ministry Attendance/Search Verification form
 2. The student will pass Practical Christian Ministry for their first semester
 - ii. Practical Christian Ministry every semester while attending Calvary-50 points for submitted form/50 points for debriefing interview with the Director of Practical Christian Ministries if applicable
 1. The student will fill out the Practical Christian Ministry and Church Attendance/Search form
 2. The student will meet in person or via phone call with the Director of Practical Christian Ministries per their debriefing requirement
 3. The student will pass Practical Christian Ministry for the semester
 - iii. Practical Christian Ministry Mentor Form-50 points
 1. The mentor will fill out the form, with the student if possible
 - For Business, Counseling, Education, Intercultural Studies, Ministry Studies, and Worship Arts majors:
 - i. Internship will count toward Practical Christian Ministry credit.
 - For transfer students:
 - i. Practical Christian Ministry requirements will begin upon the start of the student's classes at Calvary.
 - For returning students:
 - i. Any students who have nearly completed or have completed their Practical Christian Ministry requirements will continue under the requirements they began with at Calvary.
 - For students who have earned a bachelor's degree and are returning for a second bachelor's degree:
 - i. 1 Practical Christian Ministry credit per semester maximum.

Attitudes and Responsibilities When Doing Your Practical Christian Ministries

1. Demonstrate a commitment to Christ and the local church by:
 - a. Coming to your ministry fully prepared
 - b. Attending worship services and ministry faithfully
 - c. Following the policies and procedures of the church or ministry organization
 - d. Dressing in a manner honoring to Christ

Importance of a healthy attitude towards one's ministry:

When Christ measures our service in ministry, faithfulness is key (1 Cor. 4:2). Our personal abilities and skills in ministry are important but only play a small part when we stand before the LORD to be rewarded (1 Cor. 3:9-15). Have we been faithfully serving Him? That will be a major question that will be brought to light when we stand before Him. Along with our faithfulness Christ is also concerned with our motives and our willingness to serve Him (Isaiah 6:8; Matt. 28:19a). Are we willing to go wherever He sends us and serve Him selflessly? Are we taking advantage of the opportunities Christ brings our way and serving Him for the right reasons? To be given greater responsibilities by God in the future, we need to learn to be faithful in the little things He asks of us now.

2. Show commitment and respect to your ministry leaders
 - a. Understand what is expected of you
 - b. Be in open and intentional communication with your ministry leaders
 - c. Have a good attitude
 - d. Be teachable
 - e. Be enthusiastic
 - f. Refrain from criticism
 - g. Notify your leader/mentor with whom you minister when you are ill or when you will need to be absent

One of the purposes of Practical Christian Ministries is to train students in the importance of being faithful (1 Cor. 4:2). For this reason, consistent attendance in ministry and church involvement is expected. We understand, however, that there will be times when you will be absent. The following excused and unexcused absences apply to the guidelines of 12 weeks of ministry per semester and can count as ministry time when excused.

Excusable absences

- Cancellation of church or ministry activity
- Emergency at home
- Illness
- Poor weather

Inexcusable absences

- Studying/homework
- Traveling
- Social activity
- Oversleeping
- Employment

In general, you are responsible to plan your employment and schoolwork around your church and ministry involvement. You are held liable when you fail to inform your employer of times that you cannot work because of your ministry commitment.

Furthermore, you are obligated to notify your ministry leaders of all college-sanctioned holidays when you will be absent from your ministry. Also, you must inform your ministry leaders immediately if you are ill or if an emergency arises. Please be sure to notify your ministry leaders if you do not plan to return the next semester.

In order for a regular Practical Christian Ministry to be approved it should:

- a. Involve the student with people.
- b. Use the student's Bible education.
- c. Provide ministry experience in either evangelism, local church/ministry organization, or in the area of the student's academic major (see the chart on pages 14-17).
- d. Be for a minimum of 2 hours per week for 12 weeks (or a total of 24 hours per semester).
- e. If a student seeks to do a Practical Christian Ministry that is uniquely different from the norm they need to seek approval from the Director of Practical Christian Ministries.
- f. Internships required by or related to a student's major may be used for a Practical Christian Ministry.

The Rewards of Ministry

Sometimes ministry can be hard and difficult but there is a real joy that comes when individuals to whom you are ministering turn to the LORD and/or surrender their life to Him. God promises to be with us and that He will never forsake us. He has also promised to give us eternal rewards for our faithful service. Earning rewards started the day we trusted Jesus Christ as our Savior. What a God we serve! Let us love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, seeking to please Him in all that we do.

Suggestions for how to be involved in Evangelism, Local Church, and Ministry Organizations

Ministry Experiences Needed	Examples
Evangelism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help with visitation (e.g., follow-up of absentees and visitors, door-to-door calling, street witnessing). • Participate in a drama presentation of the gospel. • Tell a story or lesson that ends with a gospel presentation. • Share the gospel, an object lesson, or personal testimony with a group (e.g., CEF, youth group, Awana, rescue mission).
Church or Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A teaching role (e.g., Sunday school, small group Bible study, CEF) • Assisting a teacher • Group leader (e.g., youth group, evangelism team, Good News Club) • Visitation (see examples above) • Chair a committee • Spiritual mentoring (e.g., follow-up of new Christians, train somebody one-on-one) • Music accompaniment (e.g., singing or playing an instrument) • Church planting

Practical Christian Ministries Fair: To assist you and help you find a local church and/or a Practical Christian Ministry, we host a Practical Christian Ministries Fair at the beginning of each fall semester. We have approximately 40+ churches and ministries represented at the fair. This provides a way for you to get to know and be aware of the churches and ministries that are in the area and the opportunities for service that they may have for you to fulfill your Practical Christian Ministries. Freshmen and new/first semester students are required to attend this event and all other students are encouraged to attend as well.

Academic Majors and Practical Ministry Suggestions

This involves practical experience in the area of the student's academic major

Academic Major	Examples
Bible and Theology	Any ministry in which you regularly use your Bible education: teaching, assisting a teacher, church planting
Biblical Counseling	Counseling people about issues, mentoring people in the faith, GotQuestions.org, Internship, project
Children's Ministry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teaching children 2. Directing a children's ministry
Elementary/Middle/Secondary Education	1 semester – tutor, 2 semesters – teacher's aide, 1 semester – student teaching
Intercultural Studies	Work cross culturally: English partner, missions trip, church planting, evangelism
Music Education	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry with Calvary music groups: Chorale, small ensemble during the school year or summer, chapel praise team, music group/team leader 2. Helping and leading music for children, youth, or adults in church and/or local school. Get as much teaching and classroom experience as possible. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. School: music teacher assistant, choir director assistant, band/orchestra director assistant, help with sectionals, do some teaching/directing/rehearsing, vocal ensemble director or assistant, instrumental ensemble director or assistant, music teacher, choir director, band/orchestra director, choir accompanist, music intern. b. Church: pianist, song leader, worship leader, guitarist, choir director (children's youth, adult), praise team leader (youth, adult), youth group music leader, Sunday School leader, Awana music leader, children's church music leader, music leader at a Christian camp, music leader for VBS.

	<p>3. You may do non-music teaching in a church or other situation to gain teaching experience and fulfill Practical Christian Ministry assignments. Final Practical Christian Ministry assignment is internship.</p>
Music Performance & Pedagogy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry with Calvary music groups: Chorale, small ensemble during the school year or summer, chapel praise team, music group/team leader. 2. Ministry with local church music ministry. Examples: pianist, song leader, worship leader, choir member, church ensemble member, orchestra member, praise team member, guitarist, choir director (children's, youth, adult), praise team musician or leader (youth, adult), youth group music helper or leader, Sunday School music helper or leader, Awana music helper or leader, children's church music helper or leader, music helper or leader at a Christian camp, music helper or leader for VBS. 3. Do some in pedagogy in your area of expertise: tutor, private lessons to child or youth, teach class/group in music.
Pastoral Ministry	<p>Local church ministry participation & leadership – teaching and/or leading SS classes and/or small groups, interim pulpit supply, worship service leadership, outreach and/or visitation ministry, pastor, pastor assistant, Pastoral Internship (Junior/Senior year)</p>
Professionally Directed Studies	<p>Any ministry that relates to your major or minor.</p>
Theatre Arts	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Directing or being part of the cast and production crew of a show or play. The more spiritual content the better (for up to 2 CM credits). 2. Directing <i>or acting</i> in an acting recital scene (but not for credit). 3. Participation in Chapel Theatre for non-credit 4. Participation in student's church theatre program 5. Directing a church theatre production 6. Teaching Sunday School or children's church (storytelling responsibilities) 7. Performing for/teaching at homeless ministry, soup kitchen, or any other charitable organization 8. Directing scenes for the acting recital (but not for credit)

Worship Arts & Youth	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry with Calvary music groups: Chorale, small ensemble during the school year or summer, chapel praise team, music group/team leader (when not taken for credit). 2. Do some in children or youth ministry (church or para-church organization). See the Youth Ministries advisor to receive okay in this area. 3. Do some in local church music ministry. Examples: pianist, song leader, worship leader, choir member, church ensemble member, orchestra member, praise team member, guitarist, choir director (children's, youth, adult), praise team musician or leader (youth, adult), youth group music helper or leader, Sunday School music helper or leader, Awana music helper or leader, children's church music helper or leader, music helper or leader at a Christian camp, music helper or leader for VBS. 4. Students are required to have one semester of Worship Arts and Youth Field Experience.
Youth Ministry	Lead Bible study, camp counseling, spiritual mentoring, 1 semester – internship (Junior/Senior year).

**Other Ministries can be approved by the Practical Christian Ministries Director.*

Non-Academic Probation

Non-Academic Probation happens when a student habitually fails to fulfill the requirements of the Practical Christian Ministries program. The procedures and consequences of non-academic probation are as follows:

- i. **The student will be warned that he/she is being placed on non-academic probation.**
- ii. **A student can appeal being placed on Non-Academic Probation.** He/she can appeal the decision by meeting with the Practical Christian Ministries Director to explain the circumstances. If the Director still feels Non-Academic probation is necessary, the student may request to meet with the Practical Christian Ministries Committee. The decision of the Committee is final.
- iii. **Once placed on Non-Academic Probation, the student must complete the following:**
 - a. Write a one-page paper which acknowledges why he/she has been placed on Non-Academic Probation, affirm that the reasons for being placed on Non-Academic Probation will not happen again, and detail a plan concerning a change within the semester. This paper is to be submitted by the time given and must be approved by the Director of Practical Christian Ministries.
 - b. The student will arrange a meeting with both his/her Academic Advisor and the Practical Christian Ministries Director before the last 2 weeks of the semester.
 - c. By the end of the semester, the student must have enacted the plan that was laid out in the aforementioned paper.
- iv. **If the above actions are performed, the student will be removed from Non-Academic Probation.** However, if the paper is not submitted at the prescribed time, and no appeal has been made; Or, if the student does submit a paper, but fails to meet the requirements of that paper, or does not meet with his/her Academic Advisor or the Practical Christian Ministries Director, the student will be recommended for non-academic dismissal from Calvary.
- v. **Students not complying with Practical Christian Ministries requirements will not be cleared by the Practical Christian Ministries Committee for graduation.**

As a Bible focused and driven University, Calvary views Practical Christian Ministries and church attendance as important factors in maturing the student's Christian life and service. Therefore, neglect of these activities is viewed seriously. You are important to us, and so is your preparation for the rigors of life and ministry ahead!

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